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SUBJECT Spy Bill

JIM BRADLEY: President Reagan visits the CIA Headquarters in Langley today, where he will sign legislation prohibiting the publication of undercover agents' names.

Mark Noler tells us about it.

MARK NOLER: The bill Mr. Reagan will sign is designed to tighten the cloak of secrecy around the cloak-and-dagger community. The measure makes it a crime to disclose the names of American spies, even if the information is already on the public record.

For that reason, the bill is very controversial and has repeatedly been denounced as unconstitutional and an infringement on the First Amendment. But the Reagan Administration defends the measure, saying it will protect U.S. agents from the dangers of having their identities revealed.

After signing the bill and giving CIA employees a pep talk, Mr. Reagan will be taken on a secret tour of CIA Headquarters.

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